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Our Blood in the Street... Baltimore in the Civil War The Pratt Street Riot and a City Occupied

On April 19, 1861, the first blood of the Civil War was spilled in the streets of Baltimore. En route to Camden Station, Union forces were confronted by angry Southern sympathizers. At Pratt Street the crowd rushed the troops, who responded with lethal volleys. Four soldiers and twelve Baltimoreans were left dead.



Presenter: Author Harry Ezratty, Esq. Ezaratty is an accomplished author and lectures on history at universities and colleges, including Howard Community College and Johns Hopkins University.

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A Hot Time in the Old Town The Great Baltimore Fire of 1904

"To all appearances, Baltimore's business section is doomed." These words from the *Baltimore Sun* summed up the level of devastation of the Great Baltimore Fire of February 7-8, 1904. The blaze claimed most of the downtown business district, with almost 140 acres burned, 1,526 buildings destroyed, over 2,500 companies out of business, and more than 35,000 Baltimoreans out of work. City Hall was one of the few buildings to escape destruction.



Presenter: Wayne Schamburg. Acclaimed Baltimore historian Wayne Schamburg was born and raised in Waverly. He holds degrees in history and liberal arts from Towson, Morgan, and Johns Hopkins Universities, and he taught social studies in the city school system for 39 years before retiring in 2007. He is known for his walking tours of Greenmount Cemetery.

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From Brothel to the Block: Politics and Prostitution in Baltimore During the Progressive Era

In 1913, an undercover Vice Commission appointed to investigate prostitution in Baltimore found that more than 1,000 women worked in open brothels throughout the city. What drove these females into prostitution?



Presenter: Jayme Hill. Hill received her Master's degree in history from University of Maryland, Baltimore County in 2008. Her thesis, *From the Brothel to the Block: Politics and Prostitution in Baltimore During the Progressive Era*, received honorable mention for the 2008 Joseph L. Arnold Prize for Outstanding Writing on Baltimore City History. She currently teaches in Harford County.

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